and more will be taken up gradually. It is not practicable to organize sanitary boards at present.

158. Introduction of compulsory vaccination.

Mr. V. A. Ramakrishna Iyer B. A., B. L. (T. I. C., Trivandrum) represented that vaccination was now only optional even in towns and he had dwelt at length at the last session of the Assembly on the necessity for making it compulsory. In the absence of such a provision, it was not possible to maintain public health in a satisfactory state.

Reply.—In their review of the report of the working of the Sanitary department for 1081 already referred to, Government have remarked: "The question of compulsory infantile vaccination in towns will be separately considered." This requires legislation and will receive attention.

159. Investing Presidents of Town Improvement Committees with the revenue powers of the Division Peishkar for the collection of fees and cesses under Regulation III of 1076.

Mr. S. Krishna Iyer, B. A., B. L., (T. I. C., Alleppey) observed that he made this suggestion with a view to remove the difficulty now experienced by the T. I. C. at Alleppey where the President, not being a Division Peishkar, did not possess the necessary powers for the speedy collection of fees and cesses under the Regulation.

Reply.—In towns in which the Peishkar is himself the President, there can be no difficulty. In Alleppey, however, the Presidentship is vested in another officer. No communication, however, has yet been received from the Committee there, as to the existence of the difficulties pointed out. Any representation from the Committee, if received, will be duly considered.

160. Desirability of increasing the number of native Vaidyasalas and incurring additional expenditure for their up-keep.

Mr. Chithira Nal Tampuran of Vadakumkur, Vaikam (Nominated) said that the number of grant-in-aid Vaidyasalas should be increased so as to admit of one Vaidyasala being maintained in every proverty, and that more Government aid should be given to these institutions.

Reply.—Native Vaidyasalas are institutions peculiar to this

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

State and it is a matter for congratulation that they receive aid from Government. About Rs. 15,000 is being annually expended on their account and 64 Vaidyasalas are at present aided by Government. As necessity is established, more will be opened. The Superintendent of native Vaidyasalas has been recently given instructions to go about the country inspecting these institutions and suggest any improvements that may be deemed necessary. Generally the Vaidyasalas are well maintained, but some of them may require change of locality, others a change in the personnel, and some others increased allotment of funds as suggested. All these matters will be attended to and the needful done.

161. Establishment of veterinary hospitals in important centres.

Mr. S. Krishna Iyer, B. A., B. L., (*T. I. C., Alleppey*) remarked that this was a subject brought forward at the last session of the Assembly and that he only wished to draw the attention of Government to the necessity of paying early attention to the matter.

Reply.—This subject is already engaging the attention of Government. The Government Veterinarian who seems to be doing useful work here was asked to submit certain proposals for extending the benefit of the veterinary art to the outlying parts of the State. His suggestions have been received and it is seen that more funds and trained officers are required for carrying them out. The idea is to appoint a stock Inspector. A student who has gone to Madras for a course of training is expected to return soon. Something will be done as early as practicable.

VII. Education.

162. Necessity for increasing the pay of Schoolmasters.

Mr. K. C. Eapen, B. A., (Kshemathalpara Samajam, Kadapra, Tiruvallah) said that the question of education was not considered by Government as of equal importance with others and that this was clear from the fact that schoolmasters were given only very poor salaries. Even among them, there was one scale of pay for the teachers of His Highness the Maharajah's High School at Trivandrum and another for His Highness the Maharajah's High Schools in other parts of the State. Not to speak of other differences, he begged to point out that while the latter received only biennial increments, the former had the privilege of getting annual increases to their salaries. Further, there was difference in the

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly